

Approved 11-3-21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday October 20, 2021 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Cynthia Mitchell, and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Mark Friedman, Tanya Larsen, Cathy Minkiewicz, Matt D'Andrea, Kate Warner, Nicola Blake, Kathy Logue, Doug Ruskin, Jack Collins, Joyce Albertine, Matt Gebo, Matt Goldsmith, Eunki Seonwoo, Vineyard Gazette, Janice Haynes

Chair Skipper Manter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes: Vote to Approve: October 13th, 2021

Skipper would like to see more detail in one of the items before approving. He will speak with Jen or Janice after the meeting and they will be on next week's agenda for approval after being amended.

New Business:

- **School Funding Request – WT School Roof & Chilmark HVAC System:**

Matt D'Andrea spoke about the roof project at the WT school. He explained that it had been brought to ATM and approved but the bid came in for much more money. They would like to submit another warrant article to cover the addition cost. They do not want to wait until spring as it will only get more expensive. Skipper thinks it's worth scheduling a Special Fall meeting and the others agreed.

The Chilmark HVAC has already been discussed at the last meeting and there were no additional questions. No action taken; voting will be during the Special Town Meeting agenda item.

- **UIRSD Environmentally-Friendly Building Task Force Update:**

Kate introduced the members and spoke about the 3 goals they had set for themselves; 1) that by the end of the project no fossil fuels would be used at the school. 2) to bring the building envelope in as close as possible to the current residential standards for the stretch code, though it was recommended they use an energy intensity number instead. 3) that the school get all their electricity from renewable sources. Doug Ruskin spoke about how they want to accomplish their goals. They will need an engineering study to determine what they will need to do, and are estimating the cost to be \$40-50 thousand dollars. They have started on a grant that could bring

in \$25,000. Cape Light Compact has offered \$5,000. He proposed they could utilize some of the towns building fund to get the project started and then pay back. Skipper said that as the request was not on the agenda they couldn't really discuss now, but it could be put on next week's agenda. The group was thanked and keep up the good work. Cindy asked that Jen, Bruce or Kathy come prepared to the next meeting with the logistics on how to implement the request.

- **Special Town Meeting:**

There are couple of other items that have been requested other than the ones previously mentioned so it was agreed to have the meeting.

Cindy moved to call a Special Town Meeting Tuesday November 16th, back at the West Tisbury School at 7 pm and opened the warrant. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor

After much discussion, the warrant articles will be as follows (paraphrased):

- The West Tisbury School roof
- Chilmark School HVAC signing of MOU
- MV Commission for Storm Tide Pathways
- 2 separate articles requested by Kathy Logue which are basically corrected wording of adopted MGLs.
- From the Town Clerk to adopt a MGL regarding voter registration on Saturdays
- Tri- Town Ambulance funding formula.

After discussion, it was decided not to include a request from the MV Shellfish group.

Cindy moved to close the above warrant the warrant. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor

- **Shellfish business:**

- **Vote to open the Recreational Oyster Season 10/21/21 ½ bushel 1 day per week**
- **Vote to open the Commercial Oyster Season 12/01/21 – 04/30/22 limit 800 pieces 3 out of 5 days**

Kent moved to accept the recommendations of the Shellfish Committee to open oyster season as stated above. Cindy seconded. Roll Call vote: Cindy and Kent in favor, Skipper was unable to vote as his computer froze up. (2-0-0)

- **Request for access to County License Plate Tourism/Economic Development Funds (\$15,500):**

The Board has voted in the past that this is an appropriate use of the funds. It will still require a town meeting vote.

Cindy moved to allow access to County License Plate Tourism/Economic Development Funds (\$15,500). Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor

Topics Not Anticipated: There was none.

Old Business:

- **Discussion about Changing from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day:**
Kent still disagrees.

Cindy moved to request the Personnel Board to examine and bring to town meeting the amendment to the Personnel Bylaw wording as stated above. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: Cindy and Skipper in favor, Kent abstained. (2-0-1)

Correspondence:

There were copies of letters not specifically addressed to the Select Board from various committees or boards that had been sent to the legislature about supporting the Housing Bank. Another letter from a gentleman from the Italian American Defense Fund who was not in favor of changing the name from Columbus Day. There was also a very late email from Dylan Fernandes's office rewording the legislative request for a change in name to Select Board.

Public Comment: There was none.

Executive Session: pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

The employee in question was present earlier but had since left the meeting. Jen attempted to contact her but was unable. After discussion it was decided to go into executive session without her to discuss the situation, and Atty Jack Collins said that they could legally do so. Skipper reiterated his belief that these discussions should happen publicly and the public has the right to know what their employees are up to, good or bad.

Cindy moved to go into Executive Session and further, to not return to open session. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: Cindy and Kent in favor, Skipper -no. (2-1-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant